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DETAILED ACTION

REJECTIONS WITHDRAWN

1. All of the 35 USC 112 2nd paragraph rejection set forth in the non-final rejection of 8/29/05, page 2, paragraphs 2-4 are withdrawn.

REJECTIONS REPEATED

2. All of the 35 USC 102(e) and 103(a) rejections set forth in the non-final rejection of 8/29/05, pages 2-10, paragraphs 5-10.

NEW REJECTIONS

3. There are no new rejections.

ANSWERS TO APPLICANT'S ARGUMENTS

4. Applicant's arguments filed 11/23/05 have been carefully considered but are deemed unpersuasive.

Applicant has argued that Voss does not disclose that flexible web for hinging movement, i.e. turning or pivoting. However, Voss clearly shows in Figs. 2B, 3B and 10-11 pivoting motion.

Applicant has argued that Voss does not disclose independent movement of the edges. However, Voss clearly discloses independent movement of the edges in Figs. 10, 11, 30, 46, 48-49, 57, 59, 64, 67, 73 all clearly show independent movement of the edges.

Conclusion

5. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

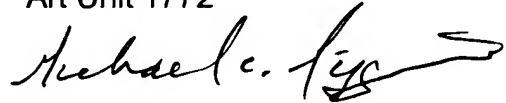
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael C. Miggins", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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